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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

ADVICE.

CONCERNING THE MOST startling bit of Republican advice given REPUBLICAN To the administration has come from Governor Mc-Kinley. In his speech accepting a renomination for the Governorship of Ohio, Mr. McKinley not only punctured

the bubble of Democracy, but he took occasion to point out certain radical defects in the nature of Mr. Cleveland which unfit him for any work demanding the use of good sense. Of course this left the country in a bad way, but the Governor did not wickedly exult in his hour of triumph. With broad magnanimity he made the path of wisdom so plain that even a densely stupid President must see it. "If to-day," says the Governor, "the President should officially announce that there would be no change in the industrial legislation of the country, and that the financial situation would be met and solved upon that standard of financial honor which has guided the Republican party since its installation to power in 1861, confidence would at once come back, would it not? Does anybody doubt it? Security would displace alarm." If the country goes to the bow-wows after that, no one can blame Governor McKinley for it. Regrettable as it may be, however, there is an impassible barrier between the administration and the McKinley scheme of salvation. The President might "officially announce" that there would be no change in industrial legislation, but what good would it do? In this beastly American country of ours the people do what "announcing" there is to be done. They have emphatically announced that there shall be changes in industrial legislation, and several millions of them have elected a President and a Congress to make the announcement good. The Governor seems to have curiously misapprehended the powers of the President and the expressed wishes of the people of the United States. We can only describe the above quoted utterance as a piece of "delightful naiveté." We know this phrase belongs to novelists of the Ouida school, but we are forced to use it. We should not be surprised to learn that the Governor concluded his remarks with a girlishly defiant "So there, now!"

CONCERNING THE SUN EDITORIAL.

We have noticed in a few newspapers a disposition to condemn the New York Sun for its covertly malicious treatment of President Cleveland. This is unjust to Mr. Dana. He has brought all the power of a great

newspaper to the support of the President. He has left nothing unsaid,

which could be said in the Sun, to promote the success of the administration. It is a pity he has been misunderstood by over-zealous partisans. The following is a rude model of the kind of Sun editorial that angers Democrats:

The absurd denials, by some of our Mugwump contemporaries, of the authenticity of the interview with President Cleveland, published in the Morning Guff, will only react to their own confusion. We understand the President has also pronounced the interview false from first to last. That portion of it which seems to have excited adverse comment in certain circles is as follows:

But,' asked the reporter, 'do you not think the old soldier is entitled to some recognition - some compensation for his noble -

"The old soldier be d-d,' replied the President warmly. 'I'm sick and tired of all this nonsense about the honest veteran. My sympathies were with the South during the war, and I 've always been sorry the North won. Besides, I have n't time to think of such trivial matters now. I am to meet a representative of the Bank of England this week, to complete arrangements for a financial panic throughout the United States Next week I am to meet a committee of British manufacturers to decide upon a tariff which shall impoverish this country by killing its manufacturers. After that I shall put in my time pulling down the American flag, which I thoroughly detest, and in directing a company which has been formed to poison the widows of old soldiers in order to cut down the pension list."

We fail to see anything in the above which can give offense to the admirers of President Cleveland. He has always been manly and outspoken upon all public questions, and the remarks quoted, while they may have been unguarded, are, on the whole in harmonious accord with the glorious principles of Democracy. In view of the admirable spirit of independence which the President has always shown, we are, we confess, surprised that the wailing of the Mugwump press could have induced him to deny his own words. It may not be amiss to refer here to the plan, which the President is reported to have formed, to redeem Confederate money. When questioned about it, reported to have formed, to redeem Confederate money. When questioned about it, the President affected to treat the report with ridicule. We think the alarm which the proposition has excited is baseless. That the President has long cherished a belief that Confederate money should be redeemed by the Treasury is well known, but we are sure his inherent good sense, no less than his sterling patriotism, will show him the folly of accepting this money at its face value. It should never be received for more than eighty per cent. of its face, and, indeed, we do not think Democrats will approve a higher rate.

After reading this editorial in the Sun, in some one of its well-known forms, the average Democrat gets righteously indignant. He compares Mr. Dana to the man who slips a knife into his friend's back while pleasantly conversing with him, and applies to him metaphors of "a snake in the grass" variety. . This is all wrong. Mr. Dana learned long ago that the honest approval of the Sun is a through ticket to disaster or oblivion, and we regard his peculiar method of warfare upon the President as a proof of his high regard for him. When Mr. Dana damns a man, openly or covertly, his readers know that man is bound to succeed. The Sun editorial is a unique specimen of blithe, good-hearted malice. It is a gilded arrow with a poisoned tip. The good Republican finds in it a never-failing balm for his wounded spirit. Of course, he has the ringing editorials of frankly Republican journals, but these have been artificial of late, and sadly inadequate. The Sun editorial comforts the good Republican, because it scathingly rebukes him for building up the prosperity of the country. So subtle is its working that he not infrequently attributes its tonic properties solely to his own shrewdness in detecting its inconsis-May it continue in all its joyous malevolence, so long as Mr. Dana's honest approval carries a fatal blight!



"To-morrow is the Fourth of July," said Mr. Lakeside.

"Yes," replied Mrs. Lakeside, musingly; "the day that this country got its divorce from England."

MEASURE FOR MEASURE.

"Mrs. Mulcahy," said the Justice, "why did you strike Mrs. Muldoon?"

"Sure, yer Anner," said the defendant, with the air of one who has suffered; "I says to her as pleasant as dho shpakin' to an angel, says I, 'You has brass enough in yer face sufficient to mek a six-quart pail!' An' wid that Missis Muldoon ups an' says, says she, 'It's yersilf as has n't manners enough to fill the half of it, Missis Mulcahy,' says she; an' 't was thin I interrupted her wid a jintle tap, sor."



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THE EXACT FACTS.

LAWYER .- You think, then, that your assailant attacked you with malice prepense?

CLIENT. - I dunno, sah - he might 'er had one o' dem kind o' mallets; but de principal thing he used wor a razzer, sah!



TIME WILL TELL.

VAN ARNDT .- And so you 're to be married? Who 's the lucky one? MISS HIGHHEELS.- Give it up! Ask me a year from now.

OF NO INTEREST TO HIM.

CUBBAGE (fiercely).—It is very discouraging to a man to have to carry a shricking baby around the room all night and then to reflect that of such is the kingdom of heaven.

MRS. CUBBAGE (meekly) .- How can that possibly affect you, dear?

THE WAY TO DO IT.

SHOPMAN.—These goods are all marked down, Madam.

FAIR PURCHASER.—Very well; I will take them. But, as they are for presents, you will kindly see that they are all marked up on the tags.

IF VENUS now were on the earth, On one thing you could bet: Her picture would be given with Some third-rate cigarette.



HARD LABOR.

DUSTY DOLLIVER .- D' yer find it hard work ter git any grub hereabouts?

RAGGED ROBERT.-Yes; awful hard. Most uv th' houses sits 'way back from th' fence.

COWARDICE.

BOBBIE. - The lobster bites hard, but he must be very timid, Mama. MAMA. - Why so, Bobbie?

BOBBIE. - Why, because he always wears his tail between his legs.

IN A TEMPERANCE TOWN.

STAGE MANAGER.-I don't see how you are going to play your 'Ten Nights In a Bar-room" in our theatre; we have no bar-room scene.

COMPANY MANAGER. — That 's all right. Set up

your calcium apparatus as a soda fountain, put a directory on a little table, get a few colored glass bottles and we'll play it in a drug store.

A HAYSEED QUERY.

He asked the waiter in accents sweet, When his power of speech he found, "Does the wind that blows in from the street

Make these fans go round and round?"

TIRED OF IT.

LORD STONEBRAKE. — Let me see, we were talking about those two American heiresses.

LORD OVERDRAFT. - I know we were: but. for heaven's sake, don't let us talk shop any more!

CAUTION.

MRS. YOUNGLOVE. - Shall you expect me to bake my own bread?

MR. YOUNGLOVE. - Just as you prefer, dearest; but you need n't bother about baking mine!

OPEN TO MISCONSTRUCTION.

SLABBS (the marble-cutter) .- Have you selected the epitaph, Mrs. Ketchum?

MRS. KETCHUM (relict of the Hon. Sharp Ketchum).—Would not "Here lies a lawyer and an hones: man," tell the whole story, Mr. Slabbs?

SLABBS.—Not clearly enough, I am afraid. Strangers would be apt to imagine that there were two men buried in one grave.

THE AVERAGE five-dollar umbrella would be all right if it only had four-dollars-and-a-half worth of umbrella and fifty-cents worth of handle in it, instead of four-dollars-and-a-half worth of handle and fifty-cents worth of umbrella.

THEATRICALLY SPEAKING, this world seems to be a fleeting leg-show.

THERE IS always room at the top, because the top keeps getting higher all the time.

ALLER WIGGINS seems a wholly inconsistent name, but even in its inconsistency lay its wonderful fitness, for its bearer was a wholly inconsistent man. Like his name he was formed of irreconcilable contradictions. He had the refined literary tastes and the romantic nature indicative of a Waller, while, on the other hand, he possessed a degree of commonplaceness such as only the name of Wiggins can adequately describe. His occupation was suited to his name and nature; he was a Summer-hotel reporter. He wrote beautifully (sometimes) — that was the Waller; he received little for his work, deserved little - that was the Wiggins. Mr. Wiggins was a free guest at the Shako-

maxee House which Waller advertised in the press. In fact, the uninteresting Wiggins was obtaining his living for nothing, while poor Waller wrote without reward.

Oh, to be thought ordinary, and rightly, too, as Wiggins was, and yet to be deserving of great things as Waller was — what a life was this that Waller Wiggins led!

Waller Wiggins was in love. Perhaps it would be more exact to say that Waller was enamored and Wiggins was mashed; and yet in the first days of love the earthy of his nature was as if it was not. The name of his inamorata was Helen Smith; but in the Spring time of love the Wiggins and the Smith seemed to drop away, and leave the lovers free to soar into the empyrean of romance.

Now at the Shakomaxee House all was gayety, and the sound of the viol could be distinctly imagined if not heard. An ice-cream parlor was open on all evenings after the hops, and it was necessary that the swain should entertain his love and spend base money—for this is something that falls to every man, be he Waller or be he Wiggins. Our hero, having no money, insinuated himself into a poker game with some gentlemen whom he had made his friends by the art of the pen. The dashing Waller of his nature made him successful at this dashing game, and he made considerable winnings which Mr. Wiggins took close care of.

How sweet was love now to Waller and Helen! People said they were a handsome pair. No doubt the young woman's allowance was small, but the garments that Miss Smith bought Helen glorified. And

Waller would have cut a swell appearance had not the Wiggins of him let him wear rusty cravats and frayed shoe-strings; but these things Helen did not see, and you may be sure that if Miss Smith saw them, Helen did not let her ridicule them.

Ah, how sweet was love indeed to them! Who would have thought who saw them that these were a Wiggins and a Smith. O the long walks on the shore! O the moonlight sails on the Sound! when Waller and Helen sat together in the prora, and talked, as lovers will, of things they did not dream of.

One Saturday afternoon Mr. Smith, Helen's father, arrived at the hotel according to custom. His wife met him with an eye of She picked up a ball of Berlin yarn that had fallen from her lap, and then lifted her cheek for Mr. Smith to salute. "Well, how are you?" he said.

"I am worried about dear Helen."

"What 's the matter with her?" asked Smith, fearing some news that would break the even tenor of his way.

"Nothing that you may think serious -

"Oh!" said Smith, relieved.

"I hardly know how to tell you."

"Well, if you know what to tell me I may catch the idea all right."

"The truth is, Helen is not herself."
"Who is she?" asked Smith, brightly.

"She appears distraite.

"That comes of studying French. People

that don't study French never complain of being distraite." "She seems different. She is not interested in the old cares, though, dear child, she tries to be. I am afraid she is in love."

"Well, well! Who with?"

"I believe with this Mr. Wiggins here."

"Oh, Wiggins! I noticed him last Saturday. It's a good, straight name; I don't know that I quite like the man. How did you find out?"

"I asked her if it was n't Mr. Wiggins, and she burst out crying. 'Don't mention the name,' she said; 'but, Mama, I love Waller.'"
"I thought you said Wiggins," said Mr. Smith, surprised.

"Yes; the dear girl dotes on him," replied Mrs. Smith. "But she is n't satisfied; she is so romantic. She grows hysterical when she thinks

about it. She will repeat the name of Wiggins and laugh - such a hard laugh; then she will weep and murmur 'Waller.'

"There! You're talking of Waller again. Does she love him?" "Passionately. But she is afraid she could never be happy as Mrs. Wiggins."

"Do you think Waller is a decent fellow?"

"I think he is a splendid fellow."

"Oh, well, if she does n't wish to be Mrs. Wiggins, let her be Mrs. Waller.

Mrs. Smith smiled the faint, painful smile natural to men's wives, and said: "But, of course, she would n't be Mrs. Waller if she married Wiggins."

"You don't mean it. You are not in earnest."

"It was your joke."

"Well, let her marry to suit herself. If you would tell me something about it I might be able to decide. Can't she be satisfied with Wiggins?"

"I know she could, for Walis all the world to her.'

" He is?"

"Oh, she says she never has and never can love any one else than Mr. Wiggins! And - Waller is so devoted."

"Now, look here; do you mean Wiggins, or are you crazy?"

"Of course, I do." "Well, when you mean Wiggins, say Wiggins."

"But Helen always speaks of Waller, and it is right enough she should, for she loves him so. So I say Waller."

"If you both say Waller, let it be Waller."

"But as I say, she can scarcely bear to take the name of Wiggins."
"Confound Wiggins! What's he got to do with it?"
"Don't say that, for she loves him dearly."

"Loves Wiggins?"

"She dotes on Waller. She dislikes intensely to take the name of Wiggins, so that she hesitates to marry Waller; and yet if you said that she could a't marry Waller it would lay her on a bed of sickness, and very likely she would elope with Wiggins."

"Thunder and Mars!" cried Mr. Smith; "Waller and Wiggins, Wiggins and Waller. Who is this man Waller?"

"Waller? Why, Mr. Wiggins, of course, is Mr. Waller Wiggins."

Mr. Smith collapsed. When he rallied, he said: "I've a notion now not to let her

marry either one of them."
"But don't you see how the poor child is held in a painful state of indecision? Now repelled by the name of Wiggins, now forgetting everything in her great love for Waller?

"Oh, I don't stand out; let her marry both of them!"

"Oh, you can not know how sweet this love of Waller is to her! Have you no feeling of romance - Robert?"

But there was romance in Mr. Smith, too; and at that name of Robert it seemed to hear itself invoked. "What can I do, Grace?" he said.

"Act so that the affair will not seem common. Frown upon Mr. Wiggins; be distant with him. Tell Helen you have other plans for her. Then Helen's heart will go out to Waller even if his name is Wiggins, and

she will believe him when he says, 'the lav'rock o'er the cottage sings and shuns the palace gay,' just

as I believed you, Robert. You have never said it since."

"Have n't I, Gracie? Well, well! I will do all you say." During Smith's three days' stay he carried out well the part. He leaned back in the big arm-chair on the porch, reading the market reports, and often he would look over his gold spectacles and say to Helen: "Come here, little one." And he would kiss her, and hold her off, and look at her fondly. "I suppose you think it stupid, little girl, because there are no young men here. Eh?" And Helen would throw her arms about his neck, and say: "I don't think it's stupid, but I would like to have you here more." "Ah, ah! what is this?" Mr. Smith would say, in a thick,



SWEET PEAS.



A howl of Davids flowers, A bowl of Dresden china, Beguile to-day some lonely hours With potency far finer Than all the roses, wondrous fair. Which languish in their glory In stately vase of pattern rare, Breathing the Summer's story.

A swarm of pink-hued butterflies, You seem to poise and hover On your frail stems, and try to rise, Seeking the wind, your lover. Sweet peas! My fancy and my heart You charm with your faint fragrance; It challenges Dame Nature's art To match you, lovely vagrants.

Mary Tenney.



NOT BUILT WITH LATEST IMPROVEMENTS.

HUNGRY HAWKINS (wishing to be pleasant) .-This hotel is fire-proof, I believe?

BENNY, THE BARKEEPER.—Yes; but you're not. Mike, fire this.

THE SAME THING.

CUSTOMER. - And you say you will guarantee this coat to wear

IKEY WOOLSTEIN. - Yes, mein vrendt, terventy years. CUSTOMER. - Why, how the dickens can you do that?

IKEY WOOLSTEIN .- Yoost so easy as terventy veeks, mein vrendt.

A KINDNESS.

"I did your book a good turn in last week's paper," said the Critic to the Author.

"Indeed?" said the Author.
"Yes," returned the Critic. "I did n't mention it."

PROOF POSITIVE.

"I did n't know Mrs. Browning lived in an apartment house."

"She did n't."

"Yes; don't you remember she says, 'Hills draw like Heaven and pull us from the vile flats up to them?""

"How PERFECTLY Miss Ryder's habit fits her!" "Yes; it's a second nature."

"OH, BY all means go to a homeopathic doctor! Try the hair of the dog that bites.

"Very good; -- but suppose it was one of these Chihuahua dogs?"



A CELTIC CUT.

MRS. DOLAN.-The next time I catch yez in here I 'll wollup yez. MRS. MULLINS.—Yez hov n't catched my Patsy doing annythin',

MRS. DOLAN.-No, not yit; but he must be up ter somethin' ter run ivery toime he sees me.

PATSY .- You'd run, too, if I looked like you do.

AT THE BEEFSTEAK CLUB.

WAFFLE.-Yes, sir! there is a great deal more in Robinson than we would imagine.

LIVERMORE,—Then he must have changed his boarding-place.

IN THE MENAGERIE.

"What's the matter with the horned horse?" asked the tiger. "It has the gnu-monia," replied the lion.

A NEW VERSION.

"You're not going out, are you, Bridget?" "No, ma'am," said the kitchen fay, In a fine, imperious manner; "At home Oi shall be all day."

Then humbly said Mrs. Van Schuyler: "I'm just going out to the mat —
If you 've no objections, I 'll borrow Your lavender gown and hat."



NO WORSE THAN OTHERS.

MRS. NORRIS.— You ought to be ashamed of yourself, Robby; you're the worst boy in the hotel. That's the third clean dress you've spoiled to-day.

ROBBY. - That's nothing! Look at Mrs. Allister; she's had on four!

MR. SWANKUM'S REPENTANCE;

OR, THE BICYCLE AS AN INSTRUMENT OF REFORM.



MR. SWANKUM.—Seems to me I hear a bell a-ringin'—I hope nobody did n't see me take dis yer board outer de lumber



"Great King! - dis yer board is got powerful heavy all of a sudden!"

husky, millionaire voice. And, then, when Smith betook himself to his room, Helen would steal away with Waller.

"You are too good for me," Waller would say.

"It is you who are too good for me."

And, when they had stolen away, Waller would read to her; and sneer not, dear reader, that Helen loved to listen, for, to a sweet girl like Helen, Waller could read in a voice as soft as e'er a bondholder's in the world. And in each interruption of the reading, they talked as lovers will of things they do not dream of.

It is a story of years ago. Waller and Helen are now Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins. As for Wiggins, I do not think they know his name is Waller down at the newspaper office where he is night-editor; though there is a token that some of the old poesy of his nature, coarsened by time, is still observable in him, for his associates call him "Windy Wiggins." Things

seem dull to him. When he leaves the dingy office in the small hours of the morning, he is fagged out. He dozes home in the close car, and sleeps heavily into the new day. When he rises, the prospect of breakfast does not animate

him, for Mrs. Wiggins has had her breakfast early with her brother, who boards at the Wigginses, and who must go betimes to business. So Mrs. Wiggins, though she presides at Wiggins's breakfast, casts a damper upon it by not being hungry herself, and by wearing a practical air, as to say, "The quicker you eat the sooner the work can be done up."

It is a dull Wiggins life for both of them. But sometimes when Wiggins thinks how dull his life is, he remembers that life must be dull, too, to his wife. Then he recalls her again, with his unused poet's sense, as she used to come toward him in dainty Summer garb, vivacious yet gentle, confiding yet shy, and he stops at a German florist's and buys a bunch of violets such as she used to wear at her slender waist.

"How well you remember, Waller!" she says.
"That was a great Summer, Helen."

So, everybody in this world is a Waller Wiggins or a Helen Smith; and let as many as will laugh at the commonplaceness of the Wigginses, and the Smiths, I wish well to all dear Wallers and Helens.

Williston Fish.

DINING IN LUCK.

JULIA. - How did the Meringue's dinner pass off? HATTIE. - Delightfully! and the male contingent was a decided success. It 's such a pleasure to converse with experienced men of the world. Why, three were divorcés, and the other two Keeley Cures.

A DASH OF MODERNITY.

VAN ARNDT .- After all, to get back to old authorities,- "what's in a name?

MAID MARIAN. - A hyphen, if it's an aristocratic name.

AND HE SO YOUNG!

TOMMY KIDDER .- Papa, I wish you'd buy me a little brother. MR. KIDDER. - I have n't money enough to buy another little boy, my son.

TOMMY KIDDER. - Then, why don't you buy a little girl, Papa?

A MAN ATTEMPTING to live in style on a small salary is like a dog fighting without front teeth.

AN IMPRACTICABLE SUGGESTION.

MR. BRIDIE. - Don't you think it would be a good idea to charge your girl for all the china she breaks?

MRS. BRIDIE. - How can I charge her for it when I don't even dare to charge her with it!

NON-PARTSIAN.

Now, who her choice of the crews could guess Must be exceeding wise; For Harvard flaunts from her rosy cheeks And Yale from her merry eyes.

AT THE CLUB-WINDOW.

"What has become of that man of youahs, who was so intelligent?"

"It seems he had escaped from an idiot asylum, and they took him back theah again."

BENTLEY .- I wonder where the editor of that society paper gets all his points?

GENTLEY .- I believe he has a daughter who works in the telephone



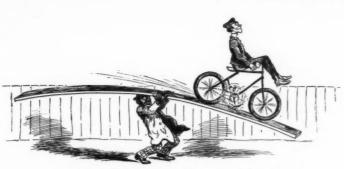
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ASSERTING HIMSELF.

MRS. DOLAN (from the window) .- Kim down aff there DOLAN (sitting on trapdoor). - Oi 'il do nothin' av th' koind. Oi'll show yez who's boss in this house.

MR. SWANKUM'S REPENTANCE:

OR, THE BICYCLE AS AN INSTRUMENT OF REFORM. II.



"I hear a kind of rattlin' noise now - I might 'a' knowed somethin' wuz gwine to happen to me fer takin' dis board!



"Dere goes dat bell ag'in - hit's a warnin', shore - I'll take dis board right back where I foun' it."

A KIND OF RURAL SWELL.



HERE IS a kind of rural swell Who deep in debt will go, Yet scatter round his cash pell mell To make an outside show

> He'll purchase ornamental trees To shade the iron fount, Although the butcher 's on his knees For something on account.

He'll dodge the milkman like a scout Adown some shady lane. And through the dark wood round about

When tradesmen on his orders frown He smiles serene and bland, And vanks his provender from town All paper-bagged, by hand.

He'll start rare roses clambering

About his rustic gates.

And let the weary grocer sing

And whistle while he waits.

Arouses all his fear He 's certain, while his spirits droop, The sheriff must be near.

And, when his bell the caller rings He flies heels over head Right up the stairs as though on wings, And hides beneath the bed.

CHANGE OF RÔLE.

WORN WILLIE .- Why d' yer go around every town you come to so's to enter on the West side?

WEARY WILKINS .- The Johnstown Flood business is played out. I'm a World's Fair sufferer this trip.

A FEMININE VIEW.

"You men always begin your reforms at the wrong end." "How so?"

"Not the waiters who serve the soup, but the people wno eat it, should be without moustaches."

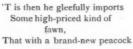
A NOVELTY IN ADVERTISING. BUSINESS MAN.— I want you to get me up something novel in advertising - must be absolutely new and so unheard of as to attract attention.

ADVERTISING AGENT (wearily) .-Seems to me the novelties are about exhausted.

BUSINESS MAN .- Oh, come now, brush up and see what you can do! I want something that will startle the public.

ADVERTISING AGENT. - Ah! I have it. I'll say you are not now selling goods below cost, as you have been doing ever since you started, but that you are determined to make profit enough to buy a new lawn mower for your Hudson River palace, and to give your steam yacht a fresh coat of paint.

"HANDSOME IS as handsome does" is the motto of all homely people.



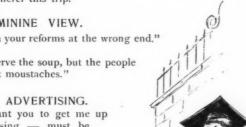
sports About his velvet lawn.

He'll buy a palfrey any day And like a nabob feel; But, oh! it grinds his soul to pay For clams or Indian meal.

He'll crawl to catch the train.

The alien footstep on his stoop

R. K. Munkittrick.





CARRIED AWAY WITH HIS IDEA. WILLIE,- Now, 'Il get rid of that measly old cat.

ENTERPRISE IN JOURNALISM.

FOREMAN (rushing into the sanctum at the eleventh hour) .- Say, that electro of the oldest woman in the state has n't shown up; what shall I do?

EDITOR (fumbling in his table drawer).—Here, take this wood-cut of last year's Vassar valedictorian, sandpaper it down a bit, and put it through. If there's anything left of it when it comes out you can use it next week for the latest likeness of the Infanta Eulalia.

ON PEACE INTENT. "What does the Emperor William want of so many soldiers, any how?' "He wants them to knock the spots off of France or Russia if they try to disturb the peace of Europe."

NO FUN. REPORTER .-Have a pleasant voyage this time, Captain?

CAPTAIN OF OCEAN FLYER .- No. Did n't beat anything.

HE COULD WAIT.

RAGGED ROBERT. Please, mum, if you could let me have an old suit of your husband's

MRS, SUBURB .-- He has only one old suit and I was just thinking about mending that.

RAGGED ROBERT .- I'm in no hurry, mum. I kin wait till it 's mended.

FROM LACK OF EXERCISE.

ASKEN. - What kind of a fellow is Dumleigh?

TELL. - Well, Dumleigh is a fellow who, if he were to think twice before he spoke, would lose the use of his voice.

ANIMAL LIFE.

DOOLITTLE GOODE .- How did you spend your vacation?

SOMERS HOLLIDAY.— Oh, I led a dog's life!
DOOLITTLE GOODE.— No! What did you do? SOMERS HOLLIDAY .- Lav around and slept.

VERY LIKELY IT WAS.

WESTLAKE .- Was Miss Hittit charmed with your account of your fishing trip?

HARKINS. — Very much, I think, for she said, "How romantic!"

CALLOW .- What did you think of the Infanta's hus-

- Oh, I don't mind a married man playing second fiddle - most of us are used to that. But I'm glad that the orchestra to which I belong don't give many public performances.

" SAW YOU yesterday with Col. Drier. Don't you er — find him sort of a sponge?"
"Not at all! A sponge will take water."





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GRACE INNIT. - Are n't vou coming in? MAUD BEACH. - Wait till those men go away.

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ACT I .- Richly furnished apartments of the ACTOR, New York, 1893. Present, the ACTOR and SERVANT.

ACTOR .- Order the brougham at two.

SERVANT .- Yes, sir. (Exit SERVANT.)

ACTOR .- Now for an hour's nap. Ah, come in! (Enter AUTHOR.) What do you want?

AUTHOR. - I am an author.

ACTOR. — You look it, sir.

AUTHOR.—I feel it. But I have just finished a tragedy in twelve acts; and I wish you to purchase it.

ACTOR .- Well, I'll look at it. (Takes manuscript from author and reads it.

reads it. A lapse of ten minutes.)

ACIOR.—This is rot; but I think by writing it over I may make one



A DANGEROUS REFLECTION.

RYESTRAW .- What 's th' matter with ye there? DOLAN. - Oi doan' know av Oi be drowned or hanged! part out of it; and that is all I need in a play, - one part. Here's fifty dollars on account. AUTHOR. - Ah! my reputation, my fortune, are made! [CURTAIN.]

ACT II.—Richly furnished studio of the AUTHOR, New York, 1900.

The AUTHOR seated, reading newspaper.

AUTHOR. - Ha! So that old reprobate claims he wrote my first tragedy. Ha! very good!

(Enter the ACTOR, hurriedly.)

AUTHOR. - Who are you?

ACTOR. - You don't remember me? I who made you what you are.

AUTHOR. - Oh, yes; I know you. What do you want? Money?

ACTOR. -- Yes. I --

AUTHOR. - Well, you can't have a cent. ACTOR .- I will have money and you shall give -

(Attacks the AUTHOR with a pocket-axe. AUTHOR falls.)

ACTOR.—I have killed him. Serves him right. Now, to rob the place. Ah! well I remember the morning I accepted his tragedy, the



DEVOTED TO IT.

HOSTESS,- What do you think of the popular fad of wheeling, Mr. Bridger?

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[CURTAIN.]

Joseph Lundy.

NOT ESSENTIAL.

ANNIE HOWE. - Mama told me not to encourage him, and I always obey Mama.

VIOLET BLUE .- And yet you were engaged to him in three days?

ANNIE HOWE .- Yes; fortunately he is n't the kind of a fellow who needs encouragement.

CAUSE AND EFFECT.

JAGGS .- Why does Drywater have such a stony stare, I wonder?

BAGGS. — He drinks nothing but mineral water!



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AN HONEST EXCUSE.

D'AUBER (showing his rich fiancée and her mother some of his work as visitor enters).—Oh! that's Dunning, a collector of antiquities. Will you excuse me till I see what he wants?

A SPOILED REPORTER.

RURAL EDITOR. - Look here; what does this mean? "The stage was tooled on its regular trip to Silo Junction yesterday. The passengers were Mr. Tim Mulligan, Mr. Hans Sweitzer, Mr. Sambo Dark, Mrs. Molikowski, Miss Bean and Miss O'Hoolihan; Mr. Hank Drivem, the veteran coachman, whip." What infernal stuff do you call that, say? Who cares who rode in the stage? You're not fit for a reporter on a live newspaper. You 'd better stop reading the New York Herald if you don't want to ruin yourself.

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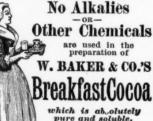
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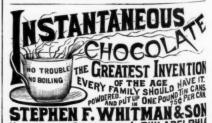
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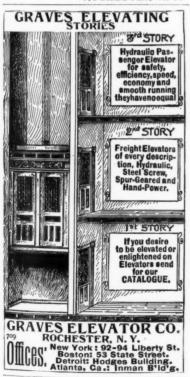
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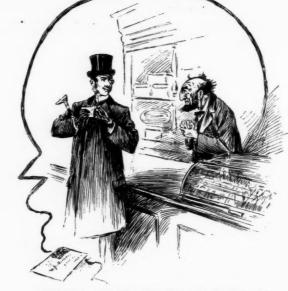
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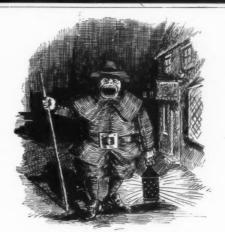
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"What? They 're over there now! I don't see a thing. Come—stir about, quick—get 'em up on the wing!"



Then he wrathfully scolded the faithful brute, Who was wondering why Van Schott did n't shoot.



VII.
"There, dern ye, ye see what ye let git away!"
Growled the dog to Van Schott in his canine way.

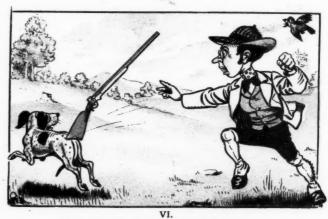


II.

Then he scanned the sky and the country at large,
While the good dog stuck close by his feathered charge.



"I wonder if this beast is fooling with me.
I'll be blamed if a single feather I see!"



He "fired" his gun at him to show his disgust, And vowed that in dogs he would ne'er again trust.



And, all the way home, in a series of barks, The dog to Van Schott made insulting remarks.